



Indiana AgVets



Agricultural Career Certification & Internship Program for Military Veterans

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The **Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program** is an agricultural career training opportunity specifically for U.S. military veterans in Indiana or surrounding states. The program prepares participants for rewarding careers in production agriculture or agribusiness by providing specialized training (free of charge) tailored to the veteran's personal interests and career aspirations, and paid internships in a farm or agricultural service business.

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The primary goal of this project is to equip veterans with the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in agricultural-related careers.

- **Open to U.S. military veterans or current National Guard or Reserve members** (of any service branch) in Indiana and surrounding states
- Expenses-paid agricultural career training and certification programs
- Individualized training curriculum geared to each participant's career goals
- 8 week paid internship at Purdue University research farm, private farm, or agribusiness
- Support for disabilities and other challenges often faced by military veterans

All participants will receive the following core training:

- Introduction to the agricultural industry and agricultural careers
- Agricultural safety and health certification
- Commercial pesticide applicator Registered Technician certification
- Employment, entrepreneurship, and career instruction for veterans in agriculture
- **Paid internship**, with mentoring and job coaching

Additional training options (depending upon career goals):

- Commercial drivers license
- Pork or Beef Quality Assurance certification
- Accredited Horticulturalist
- Master Naturalist
- Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category certification
- OSHA Training: 10 or 30 hour course; Forklift certification
- Many other opportunities



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